

## REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, original claims 1-29 and 37-40, are canceled without prejudice, thus preserving rights to present them in their original or amended form in future continuation or divisional United States applications, and new claims 41-52 are presented for examination. Claims 41 to 52 are directed to subject matter related to canceled original claims 1-10 and 37-40.

The international application as filed names four inventors: James R. Howarth; Patrick J. Wolfe, PhD; Darryl Curley; and Timothy Rector. In order to satisfy requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 371 for entry of the international application into national phase in the United States, inventor's declarations as to the subject matter of the claims of the international application are herewith submitted for all four joint inventors.

However, the amended claims presented herewith are based entirely on inventive contributions of James R. Howarth and Patrick J. Wolfe, PhD. Named inventors Curley and Rector contributed to claims which are deleted by this Preliminary Amendment.

Joint inventors Wolfe, Curley, and Rector have previously assigned their entire right, title, and interest in this invention to James R. Howarth, first-named inventor, pursuant to assignment documents recorded in the United States Patent Office, Recordation Division.

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